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11 December 1946

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. James Martin
Chief, Decartelization Branch

1. Attached is proposed cable concerning the status of the Decartelization Law.

2. As I have told you, in my discussion with Sir Cecil Weir, following my talk with you, he agreed that in the coal and steel industries which the British have taken under control the old corporate ties should be broken and operating companies set up under new management not under control of the holding companies. This step he was entirely ready to take as a decartelization measure regardless of over-all control being exercised by British Military Government. He also agreed that final disposition of the coal and steel companies would be subject to bi-zonal agreement between the United States and British Military Government. He promised me a statement along this line, which he told you and me yesterday had been submitted to his government and which he hoped to give us shortly. Since General Clay is returning tomorrow we can discuss the proposed cable with him directly, since points (1) and (3) of the proposed cable should be called to his attention when we discuss with him the status of both the quadripartite and unilateral Decartelization Laws.

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Brigadier General, GSC
Director.

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